

THE TIMES' new quarters are now receiving the last touches, the front door is open, and our friends can enter without going around to the alley side entrance.

Our phone (No. 39) is in working order, and we are getting things straightened out somewhat.

In another week we hope to have everything in good shape, and this relieved of the annoying disorder with which we have had to contend for more than a month.

We will be able to give more attention to the paper and be more prompt in filling all orders.

In this connection we feel that we ought to apologize to our subscribers for the very poor quality of paper on which THE TIMES has been printed for several weeks.

but annoyances are born twins, triplets and in troops, and our paper house added to the list by sending us an unusually inferior grade of paper.

Remember that we are now located in the new concrete building just east of the Post Office, on Columbia street. Come in and see us, if it is only to say "howdy!" and tell us of the happenings in your neighborhood.

THE TIMES is interested in all its patrons and friends, and we are always glad to see you.

Is the Democratic Party Dying?

The New York World intimates that the Democratic party is dying and the reasons for this impression are stated as follows:

"A Tammany city convention adopts resolutions praising President Roosevelt for the surprising courage, remarkable tact, distinguished ability and commanding influence displayed by him as the central figure in the greatest peace triumph of the age."

"William Jennings Bryan, twice candidate for president on the Democratic ticket, tenders to Mr. Roosevelt his sympathetic support in the campaign of regulating corporations in general and railway rates in particular."

"The Massachusetts Democrats commend Mr. Roosevelt for his services in establishing peace between Russia and Japan."

"The Rhode Island Democrats endorse Mr. Roosevelt's rate regulation policy."

"The Republicans of Massachusetts are demanding a revision of the tariff."

"Former Senator Caffery, of Louisiana, says the southern Democrats are protectionists, and predicts the organization of a new party."

"When a President elected as a Republican moves for reform upon the lines proposed in three successive Democratic national platforms, it would be strange if he did not have the support of Democrats."

The failure of Democrats to support him in that proposed reform would provide better proof than the New York World is able to cite in the patriotic, Democratic and consistent attitude taken by Democrats generally with respect to Mr. Roosevelt's efforts to enlarge the powers of the interstate commerce commission."

Former Senator Caffery of Louisiana has not for many years been an authority on Democratic opinion, and that the Republicans of Massachusetts are approaching the Democratic position on the tariff question gives no reason for the belief that the Democratic party is dying."

Democratic principles as they were presented in 1896 and in 1900 are, admittedly, more popular to day than ever before. And when we see distinguished Republicans advocating Democratic methods in the effort to provide the people with relief—and prevented from establishing reforms because their party is wedded to its corporation idols—it is absurd for any one to contend that "the Democratic party is dying."

More and more the American people are coming to realize that the real conservation of the country—that it stands between the radicalism of the Republican party on the one hand and the radicalism of the socialist on the other. More and more the people are coming to understand the evils of monopoly as described by Democrats in 1896 and in 1900, and more and more they are coming to believe that the Democratic methods for reform along these lines must be adopted if popular Government is to be preserved.

The Washington Times, in an editorial printed in its issue of September 21, while displaying its gratitude for Republican victory in 1896 and 1900 on account of the money question, added: "Now it is clear to us that practically every other notable feature of those two demagogic platforms was fully justified." And the Times further expresses regret that the opponents of the Democratic party in those two campaigns were too "pig-headed" to perceive that while the party's deductions

might be all awry its "premises" might in the main be sound.

Also, that the opponents of the Democratic party in those campaigns would feel better to-day if they had not jumped "to the preposterous extreme of contradicting every premise on which those policies were supposed to hang down to the Ten Commandments."

Time was when political parties were presumed to display strength and political leaders were regarded as statesmen when they withheld their endorsements of proposed reforms advocated by the opposition; and there have been instances where men vigorously fought the very reforms which they had previously as vigorously advocated, and all because the opposition had adopted their own plans. But such things are of the past.

If Democrats are not sufficiently sincere and patriotic to support their own plans for reform, even when those plans are adopted by sincere Republicans, then they are incapable of giving strength and

vitality to the political organization to which they belong.

If the Democratic party were made up of the men who would desert their principles and their policies simply because an honest Republican had undertaken to put those principles and policies into effect it might, in truth, be said that the Democratic party is dying.

But at this time when the masses of the people are hopefully turning to Democratic policies and when those Republicans who are honestly striving for reform find their efforts thwarted by the powerful hold which monopoly has upon their own organization, there is every reason for the Democrat to have faith in his party's vitality and hope for the ultimate adoption by his countrymen of the principles for which his party has fought.

—The Commoner.

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BISMARCK BREVITIES.

A. B. Beck and wife visited Arcadia Monday.

J. G. Clanton left Monday for St. Louis to spend the winter.

Rev. Steele of Ironton is visiting the family of his son, Hugh Steele.

Mr. Brenton, the I. M. & S. tie inspector, left this week for an Arkansas trip.

Mrs. Hodges of Tennessee is visiting the family of her son, Rev. J. W. Hodges.

Wm. Trauernicht of Middlebrook was transacting business here Monday.

Dr. W. R. Goodykootz and family of Caledonia visited the family of T. H. Holman Sunday.

Misses Annie Oehler and Alice Beard and Mrs. E. S. Boyer are reported sick with typhoid fever.

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The District Mission Board of the Missionary Baptist Church met last Saturday with the Farmington Baptist Church and had a very interesting meeting. Rev. C. T. Fortune was elected to continue in the mission for the next quarter. The board discussed some very important questions of interest to all our orthodox churches. Among others was the propriety of letting strangers, who come along claiming to be preachers who have no license or ordination papers, enter our churches and lecture. The board was unanimous in the condemnation of such action. Among those present and taking part were Rev. W. M. Rodolph of Farmington, Messames Haud and Smith of Flat River, Wm. Reeves of Iron county, Louis Yeates of Long-borough, Judge Tullock of Bismarck, Joseph Jennings of Three Rivers, Rev. Tolbert of Doe Run, Mr. Crump of Hickory Grove, near Belgrade, and C. J. Harrelson of Chestnut Ridge.

IN THE FIRST OPEN CAR.

True Tale of an Everyday Incident Which Had Romantic Furnishings.

The girl sat in the last seat of the first open car of the season, looking back at the long vista of the street they were fast leaving behind them. Her hands were full of impromptu, though that word is perhaps more correctly applied to articles nearer the feet. But a purse, a handkerchief, a letter and several small parcels do not impede one's progress, especially if one is a pretty maid with a pride in one's own long, much buffeted skirts, relates the Chicago Record-Herald.

Her parasol—the first of the season, too—she placed beside her. She must have been thinking deep thoughts, for it was with a start that she signaled the conductor to stop the car—a start that showed she had almost forgotten her destination.

She alighted hurriedly. The car started. Then a little flutter of the burdened hands, a gasp that was almost audible, and an agonized conviction of the pretty brow told the man who had sat beside her that she had forgotten something besides the destination.

He was a man who thought quickly. In an instant he had seen, seized, and held aloft her parasol. She nodded vigorously, motioning him to throw it to her. It was all done quickly, but the car, pitiless as time, was moving steadily, relentlessly away from her. The space between it and her was constantly increasing.

The man hesitated. It was such a pretty parasol. Such ruffles of chiffon.

She was following the car at a little dog trot, but it was leaving her far behind. It had almost reached the next corner.

The man waved while he ran to the corner, carefully placed the buff, forgotten thing on the sidewalk, then ran back to the car.

The girl waved her hand in grateful recognition. He waved his in—renunciation, perhaps.

As she reached the parasol a handsome young negro stooped to pick it up and, contemptuously handed it to her as she exclaimed: "It is mine, thank you."

But he was not a fairy prince—they are always blond and blue-eyed, with golden hair. And the man who should have received the tribute of her smiles was leaving her far behind.

For this, you see, is a true story. And so they did not marry and live happily ever after. Perhaps he was married already and his dinner was waiting for him. At any rate, he saved his carfare.

CONTRACT WITH A SULTAN

How an American Woman Put Through a Five-Million-Dollar Deal.

The story of an interview that once took place between Mrs. Reader and the sultan of Johore, India, is thus related by Juliet Wilbur Tompkins in Everybody's:

"She named her conditions; the right to issue \$5,000,000 worth of six per cent. bonds; 120,000 acres of land extending along the 120 miles of track; 100 miles—but here royalty demanded a little; he thought he would keep all the tin mines. For the first time the young contractor slipped into feminine possession of reasoning and set aside for a moment the urgent business-full enthusiasm of the promoter for the display of the human girl who sees her pet project in danger of failure."

"But you are so rich, you know you don't need all those mines," she argued, "and we do!"

"The sultan conceded the mines. From an oriental point of view the experience was perhaps cheap at the price. He conceded the \$5,000,000 worth of bonds, the 120,000 acres of land. At the end of their three-hour talk Ella Rawls had in her possession a \$5,000,000 contract to build a railroad across the state of Johore, and its ruler had secured on fair terms a means to wealth and civilization, the need of which could no longer be ignored. She had come to him at the psychological moment, when the contract was ripe for giving; she had shown herself clear-headed and resolute master of the facts and frankly open in her statements; she had demanded much, knowing the value of what she gave, but there had been no sign of sharpness, of trying to steal an advantage. No doubt to use accustomed to be approached by indirect methods, by gifts and flatteries, there was a wholesome conviction in this novel experience, a welcome promise of good faith. At all events he accepted freely and wholly."

Impressive Sermon.

Wife (returning from church to her husband, who had stayed at home)—"You should have heard Dr. Doe's sermon this morning, my dear. I don't know when anything has made such a profound impression on me. I think it will make a better woman of me as long as I live."